

Saskatchewan Provincial Emergency Operations Centre

Situation Report

Event: Trucker Freedom Convoy – Saskatchewan Legislative Building Demonstration

Location: Regina

Current as of: February 5th, 2022 08:00 hrs

Notification Type: ☒ Initial ☐ Update ☐ Final

Notification #: 1

Pr-EOC Activation Level: 3b

Current Level	Operational Level Description
	Level 5 – Routine Operation, Local Response/Local or Municipal EOC activated
	Level 4 – Enhanced Operation, District Response/District EOC activated
X	Level 3b – Virtual Operation, Multi District Response (Key Ministries)/Pr-EOC activated
	Level 3a – Full Operation, Multi District Response (All Ministries)/Pr-EOC activated
	Level 2 – Provincial Response/Provincial EOC activated
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IRONMENT

CURRENT SITUATION

- Current weather: Periods of light snow. Wind northwest 20 km/h becoming light early this morning. High minus 6. Wind chill minus 11 this morning and minus 18 this afternoon.
- A Trucker Freedom Convoy is planned to occur at the Saskatchewan Legislature building in Regina, SK on February 5th, 2022 beginning at 13:00 hrs.
- The group is opposed to current COVID-19 mandates, and their intention is to occupy the space until a desirable resolution is reached.
- Various concerns have been raised regarding the occupation of the space, including traffic issues and potential public safety impacts.
- The Frost Festival is running concurrently in Regina from February 4th-10th.
- There is also a counter protest planned to occur in front of the Legislature February 5th.
- Preparation and planning is occurring to address, manage, and mitigate potential public safety impacts.

- Agencies involved are the Regina Police Service, Provincial Capital Commission, Ministry of Government Relations, Ministry of Highways, Ministry of Environment, SaskBuilds and Procurement, and Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency.
- Regina Police Service (RPS) is Incident Command, with on scene commanders to report back to the Command Center, located at RPS Headquarters.
- Regina Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) is not currently activated.

Regina Police Service:

- RPS's operational plan begins at 21:00 February 4th, with on shift rotation through to Monday morning.
- Starting at 21:00, February 4th, 9 RPS members will be onsite at the legislative grounds, controlling entrances.
- The number of potential rally participants is unknown and intelligence is spotty at this time.
- All resources or manpower arriving on scene must report to RPS communications center or the on-scene command sergeant.

Provincial Capital Commission:

- Ministry of Environment and Saskatchewan Highway Patrol are assisting to construct and man barricades along Legislature Drive and at 2 intersections on Albert Street.
- Some of the plastic barricades have been damaged or destroyed by unknown persons.
- 2 Community Safety Officers (CSO's) are on shift; one overnight February 4th, and one to come on shift at 09:00 February 5th.

Corrections, Policing and Public Safety

- Receiving support from Regina Police Service, Ministry of Environment, Provincial Capital Commission, and Saskatchewan Highway Patrol.

Ministry of Environment:

- Staff are available and on duty for the weekend, with 2 Conservation Officers working 12 hour shifts from 09:00-21:00 on both Saturday and Sunday to supplement RPS resources.
- Nothing planned past Sunday, but available to assist should additional resources be required beyond then.

SaskBuilds and Procurement:

- Have some concerned staff who were working when protestors showed up as the barricades were being set up.
- Offering use of on-site Powerhouse to any of the agencies present who require access to the facility.

Ministry of Government Relations Communications:

- Coordinating communications for this event.
- Media has largely been focusing on the pursuit of public safety for the Frost Festival, and not infringing on protesting rights.
- News release went out at 11:00 February 4th, and there are no other plans for further communications at this time.
- Concerns raised regarding access from ministry staff who need to work over the weekend, or Monday.
- Will monitor the need for internal communications, advising staff not to confront protestors on Monday.
- Will advise if communications support is required from SPSA, should things escalate.

- Don't want to discourage people from attending the area as there is a festival going on, but will communicate any delays.

Ministry of Highways Communications:

- Can assist with any information needs such as traffic impacts on major routes etc, as they have a good sized social media following, signage, etc..

CRITICAL ISSUES/CHALLENGES/PROBLEMS

- There is an approved permit for a counter protest February 5th in front of the Legislature by a political party, separate from the rally, as well as the Frost Festival February 4th- 10th.

Regina Police Service:

- If protest trucks show up and are unable to get into the legislature grounds, they may designate another location to protest. RPS may need to reach out for assistance if it escalates too much.

Provincial Capital Commission:

- Protestors have threatened to move concrete barricades with chains and trucks.
- This will be closely monitored.

SaskBuilds and Procurement

- Concerns regarding traffic needing to come in and out of Legislative Building over the weekend, which could become an issue with the protestors present.
- Staff are worried about access to the grounds Monday.

ANTICIPATED PRIORITIES/ACTIVITIES

Regina Police Service

- On scene command to set up on-scene the morning of February 5th.
- An interoperability channel will be selected and announced, once incident command is on scene.
- At 12:00 February 5th, 21 crowd control members and 8 traffic control members will be on scene at the legislature grounds and other sites where the Frost Festival is occurring to deal with any congestion issues that may come up.

Corrections, Policing, and Public Safety

- Currently working on getting Safer Communities and Neighborhoods (SCAN) members additional authorities so they can be utilized. Use of SCAN members would likely be activated for operations beyond the weekend.

MEDIA

Map of barricade locations provided by Ministry of Government Relations Communications

